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2. PRESENT STATUS OF NORTH/ CENTRAL PACIFIC FARES AND CARGO RATES IS AS FOLLOWS: THE BOARD APPROVED EXTENSION OF STATUS QUO FARES THROUGH APRIL 30, 1973, SUBJECT TO A 5 PERCENT INCREASE THROUGH THAT DATE TO REFLECT DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR. THE BOARD HAS NOT YET ACTED UPON IATA AGREE-
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MOST FREQUENT QUESTION HAS BEEN WHETHER THIS WILL
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ONLY RECENT ADVERSE COMMENT HERE HAS BEEN ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE
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